



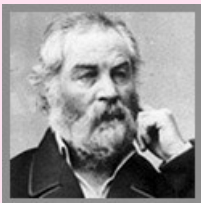
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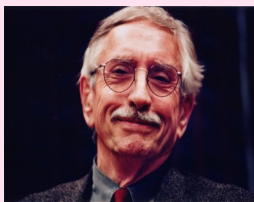
Promoting and Protecting the Human Rights of LGBT Persons: A United States Government Priority



Walt Whitman



Truman Capote



Edward Albee

On May 17, the international community marks International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT). This day, and every day, the United States is taking steps to promote respect for the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons both at home and around the world. Among the areas in which the U.S. Government has made significant progress are the following:

Making the Advancement of LGBT Rights A Foreign Policy Priority:

On December 6, 2011, President

Obama released the [Presidential Memorandum on International Initiatives to Advance the Human Rights of LGBT Persons](#), which di-



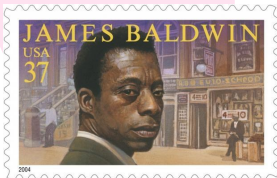
rects departments and agencies to combat criminalization of LGBT status or conduct abroad; protect vulnerable LGBT refugees or asylum seekers; enhance assistance to protect human rights and advance non-discrimination for LGBT persons;

and help ensure swift and meaningful responses to human rights abuses of LGBT persons abroad. rights, and human rights are LGBT rights.

On the same day, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave a landmark speech in [Geneva](#), stating that “The Obama Administration defends the rights of LGBT people as part of our comprehensive human rights policy and as a foreign policy priority,” and underscoring that LGBT rights are human rights, and human rights are LGBT rights. [More...](#)

LGBT Pride Month

Obama Proclamation on LGBT Pride Month 2015



"All people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation."

— President Obama



Willa Cather

Pamphlets & Publications:

Freedom from Fear: Creating Safe Spaces for LGBT Youth



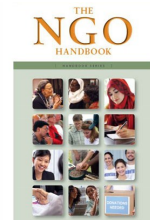
Everyone deserves to live free from fear. Grass-roots organiza-

tions create "safe spaces" for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth.

EJUSA: LGBT Rights in America Today



LGBT rights are a work in progress in the United States. New attitudes are ushering in change. States are legalizing gay marriage.



Articles:

Advancing Effective Communication, Cultural Competence, and Patient- and Family-Centered Care for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community

An Ally's Guide to Issues Facing LGBT Americans

If You're Not Straight, You're At Higher Risk for Domestic Violence

Mapping LGBT Equality in America

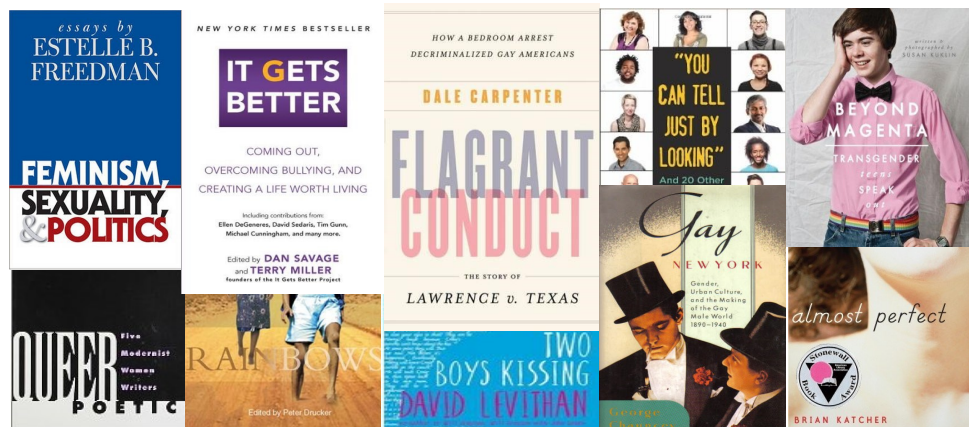
Op-ed: Protecting LGBT Workers Means Protecting All Workers

Relationship between



LGBT inclusion and Economic Development: an Analysis of Emerging economies

Books available at the American Libraries:



Videos:

[President Obama: It Gets Better](#)



[Vice President: It Gets Better](#)

[Freedom from Fear - Creating Safe Spaces for](#)

[LGBT Youth](#)

[Hide/Seek Exhibition Videos](#)

[White House Staff: It Gets Better](#)

[It Gets Better Project](#)

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Interesting Websites:

[American Civil Liberties Union](#)

[Bullying and LGBT Youth](#)

[Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus](#)

[Hide/Seek: Difference and Desire in American Portraiture](#)

[HIV and AIDS: 30 Years Ago](#)

[International Day Against Homophobia](#)

[LGBT Rights, Human Rights Watch](#)

[LGBT Youth Resources](#)

[Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health](#)

[Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center, Cornell University](#)

[LGBT, Humanrights.gov](#)

[National Coalition for LGBT Health](#)

[National LGBT Museum](#)

[Straight for Equality](#)

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